

REMARKS

Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowable subject matter within the claims.

This is an Amendment After Allowance but before payment of the Issue Fee to address matters of form and syntax within the above-identified application. *No new matter has been added.*

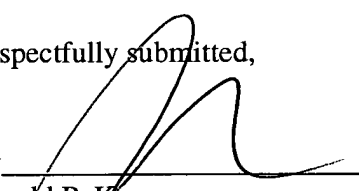
These changes were initially requested in a Preliminary Amendment filed January 10, 2003 (a copy of the postcard acknowledging filing is enclosed). However, no indication of the entry and consideration of that Preliminary Amendment is found within the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 18, 2004.

Accordingly, acknowledgment of both the receipt and entry of this Amendment and the substitute specification provided herewith is respectfully requested.

No changes are made which affect the scope of the allowed claims. Accordingly, entry of this Rule 312 amendment is warranted, perhaps under Order 3311.

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Respectfully submitted,

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